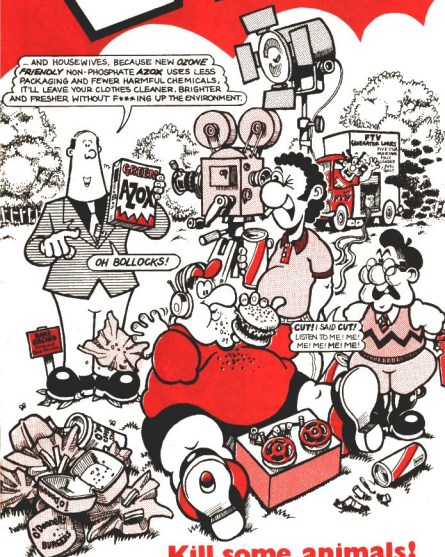


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THESE FRIGGING CALIFORNITS 'LL
FINISH ME OFF!

A cartoon illustration of a portly man in a white shirt and tie, looking distressed with a speech bubble saying "JESUS!". He is standing on a small patch of ground, and a small, dark, rectangular object is visible on the ground to his left.

THERE OFFICER! THAT'S THE MAN HE'S FIDDLING WITH HIS PARTS LOOK

GROAN!

EEH! OOH!

LATER... WE FOUND HIM OUTSIDE. DOODIE WAS ARSEHOLE'S IN A RIGHT OLD TWO AN EIGHT.

YES, HE'S GOT IT IN THE SIDE OF COCKS.

DAN AYKROYD

So...

HERE, TAKE THIS.

PRESCRIPTION

THANK GOD FOR THAT. I THINK HE SPARKED'S OFF.

AT THE CHEMISTS...

SORRY SIR, YOU WANT THE BAKERS SHOP NEXT DOOR.

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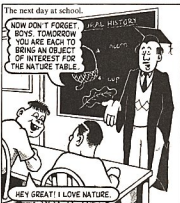
OON BLOODY HELL! THEY'RE THUNDERING LIKE SUGGERY TOO.

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Peter Potter's Valley of the Dinosaurs



The next morning before school...



Peter stood in his secret valley and looked around.



Back at school...



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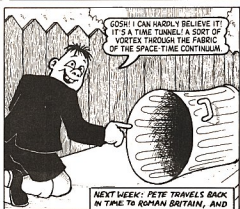
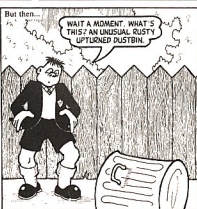
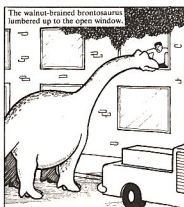
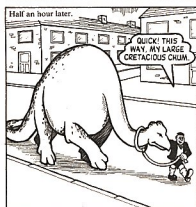


The boys looked on in wonder.



Seconds later...





EXPOSED! SECRET

Coronation Street is Britain's most popular TV soap. Yet, according to one insider the **REAL LIFE** drama that goes on behind the scenes of "The Street" is more exciting than the soap itself. "You wouldn't believe the goings on", Street star Sidney Blenkinsop has told us.

Sidney first appeared in Britain's longest running soap as long ago as 1968 when viewers briefly saw him sit quietly in a corner of the Rovers Return. Since then he's become a regular appearing many times in the Rovers and on one occasion actually ordering drinks. Over the years he's got to know the stars better than anyone, and now for the first time he blows the lid off Britain's longest running soap.

Granada TV pay writers a fortune to invent storylines for the Street. But the most exciting stories of all are the ones which go on behind the scenes. Viewers simply wouldn't believe some of the episodes I've witnessed!

EYE

On screen many of the characters don't see eye to eye. That's what soaps are all about. Occasionally they come to blows, like the time when Mike Baldwin, alias actor Johnny Briggs, grappled with Ken Barlow outside Mike's factory. Of course they were acting. But you wouldn't believe some of the real life fisticuffs that go on. Usually its over

EXCLUSIVE

By Street star Sid



something petty – a disagreement about the script for example – but feet and furniture start flying, and it always ends up with at least one person in hospital. If you watch carefully you can always spot at least one of the actors with a black eye, and I don't think a single member of the cast has got a full set of teeth left.

BUNCH

You'd imagine the cast would be a tight knit friendly bunch. But I can tell you they're not. There's so much competition for the best lines, and endless arguments about who's going to say what. On set you can cut the atmosphere with a knife, and off it none of the actors ever speak to each other.

FAMILY

But despite the odd disagreements the Street stars are a great bunch to work with. We're like one big family, always looking out for each other. Like the time Roy Barraclough lost his wallet and we all stopped work to help him look for it.

Behind the scenes drama of Britain's favourite soap

If you ever think some of the plots that script writers dream up for the Street seem far fetched, you should see the kind of drama the stars get up to in real life. Hardly a day goes by without one star or another getting pregnant, having a love child or discovering that another star is their real father.

LOVE CHILD

I will never forget the day Chris Quinten turned up for work only to be told that Thelma Barlow, alias Mavis Riley was expecting his love child. Sparks were flying and her on-screen husband, actor Peter Baldwin threatened to kill him. Thelma told Chris she'd ruin him unless he handed over £250,000 to bring up the child. Chris's screen wife Gail Tilsley told him that Thelma would have to have an abortion, and her screen mother Audrey Roberts was taken to hospital in hysterics. Alf Roberts, alias actor Brian Mosley, Audrey's on-screen husband, armed himself with a gun and went out to shoot Quinten, his on-screen son-in-law, alias actor Brian Tilsley.

Not many people know that Prince Charles is probably Coronation Street's biggest fan. Indeed if it wasn't for the Prince of Wales there wouldn't be a Street at all.



Charles – Street was his idea.

For when Granada TV first planned the series it was going to be set in a high rise block of flats called Coronation Court. But the Prince heard of their plans and wrote to them pointing out that the community spirit would be lost in an unsightly high rise building, and that elderly residents would be isolated, especially if the lifts didn't work. He suggested a traditional row of Victorian terraced houses instead. The producers agreed, and the idea of Coronation Street was born.

TOPLESS

The Street has for many years been Britain's most successful soap, however the producers panicked when the BBC's Eastenders soared to number one in the viewers' chart. They considered a number of crazy schemes to boost viewing figures. They even tried asking sexy barmaid Bet Lynch, alias actress Julie Goodyear to work topless behind the bar at the Rovers Return. But fortunately their letter to her was lost in the post, otherwise I'm sure she would have resigned in disgust.



Gail Worth, alias actress Helen Tilsley, former on screen husband of actress Chris Quinten (alias actor Brian Tilsley).

In the end it all turned out to be a big mistake. Someone had got a telephone message wrong, and nobody was pregnant after all. But that was quite an episode I can tell you.



S OF 'THE STREET'



Sidney (arrowed) as viewers often see him in the Street. In the foreground is the Rovers Return

Several new storylines were considered and a sizzling no holds barred sex scene between Ivy Tilsley and Don Brennan was filmed under tight security. No one was allowed on the set, but I crept to a window to take a look. It was red hot stuff, but they'd only been at it for 2 or 3 minutes when the window steamed up!

END

In the end ITV bosses insisted that the scene be cut, or the programme would have to go out after 11.00 p.m. Reluctantly they agreed to drop it.

ATTRACTIVE

Dirty Den was single handedly responsible for Eastenders' success. The ladies were switching to the BBC to watch him in their millions. So Street producers told actor Bernard Youens, who played Stan Ogden in the series, to lose weight in order to become more attractive to women.

DIED

But after months of unsuccessful dieting Bernard died, and the Street lost one of its

brightest stars. No one can be blamed for his death, but I blame the producers.

KNOCKERS

It's easy to criticise the producers for the way they run the show. But they have a difficult job to do, and I would never knock them.

RELIEF

There were sighs of relief at Granada TV when Dirty Den eventually left Eastenders. BBC chiefs decided to have him bumped off by a gangland hit man. It was lucky for actor Leslie Grantham, alias Dirty Den character Queen Vic landlord Dennis Watts, that they did, because Granada bosses had been planning to do the job themselves - with real bullets. They had been making discreet enquiries about the availability of a real life hit man and had already got several quotes for the job.

SOAPY

Murder might seem a little far fetched, but in the crazy world of the soaps anything can happen. And sometimes it does.

Albert Tatlock got on the wrong side of Granada bosses by asking for a pay rise. When they turned him down actor Jack Howarth threatened to leave and join Eastenders instead. A week later he was dead.

TOP

Jack was just one of the many great actors who have appeared in the Street. Many of today's top stars began their acting career in the series, among them Davy Jones of pop group The Monkees.



Street pop star actor Monkey Jones.

It's a tribute to the actors that the viewers often imagine characters like Rita Fairclough, Jack Duckworth and Harry Cross as being real people. Every week Granada TV receive tons of mail addressed to these people, and the actors who play them are often approached by fans mistaking them for their on screen characters.

PARTS

But sometimes an actor can become so obsessed with his part he can, without realising it, literally become the character he plays - 24 hours a day. It's a fascinating psychological condition, only recently discovered and quite unique to soap stars who can end up losing their own identity. Unfortunately however there aren't any examples of that I can think of.

Next week: Frank Sinatra's Street connection, plus how detectives hunting the Yorkshire Ripper swooped on the Rovers Return.

We're all PLUM CRAZY!

By our Fruit Correspondent

Christmas shoppers went plum crazy last year, with a record increase in sales of the fruit over previous years' figures. But spending on more traditional Christmas fare has decreased, with sales of nuts, dates and clementines all feeling the pinch.

HABIT

"Britain's eating habits are changing," food expert Dr Bill Smith told us. But the changes don't always

favour healthier foods. In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas we in Britain spent a massive £240 billion on tinned shortbread. That's an incredible £4000 per head of population.

CASSOCKS

"Shortbread is particularly bad for your teeth, because it has sugar on the top", said a spokesman for the British Dentists' Club of Great Britain yesterday.

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SPOILT **BASTARD**

NOW, LETS SEE... ONE BOYS BRIGADE UNIFORM... WHY THAT'LL BE TWO PLEASE

COME ON, MOTHER, PAY THE WOMAN!

OH, TIMMY, DARLING! I'M PROUD OF YOU! YOU'LL LOOK SO DASHING IN YOUR LITTLE BOYS BRIGADE UNIFORM, SWEET!

YES I WILL

MMH! WAIT A MINUTE!

EXIT

SO... A CUB SCOUT UNIFORM... THAT'S ANOTHER ONE PLEASE

HA!

COME ALONG, TIMMY, DARLING!

WHAT?!

WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

YOU STUPID, TIGHT FISTED OLD BRIGADIER! YOU'VE ONLY FORGOTTEN TO BUY ME THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A BOY SCOUTS OUTFIT!

OH, MY!

OR WOULD YOU WANT ME TO GO TO CUBS UNPREPARED?

SO... HURRY UP WOMAN!

YES, TIMMY, PURRFY PANTS! I'LL TRY.

I WISH YOU'D HURGE UP AND DIE SO AS I CAN GET ON WITH MY LIFE

SHORTLY...

MUMMY, MUMMY, MY LEGS ARE TIRED. CARRY ME!

BUT, TIMMY, YOU'RE TOO HEAVY!

ALRIGHT, I'LL WALK! I'LL WALK! GOO! BUT YOU'LL BE PLEASED TO SWEETEN THE SCOTCH WHISKY WITH IT!

OOCH, OUCH!

SO... GASP!

PURRFY PANTS!

AT HOME... (WELL, THAT TOOK LONG ENOUGH, YOU SELFISH OLD NEESEL. IT'D HAVE BEEN QUICKER FOR ME TO WALK!)

COOH!

LATER... HELLO, TIMMY! WELCOME TO THE FULCRUMETER THE OTHER CUBS ARE MAKING A CRISTAL SET. WUN DON'T YOU HELP THEM!

DIB DIB DIB!

I THINK I CAN HEAR NIPPERSHIM

LET ME HAVE A LISTEN! I WANT TO HEAR. ME ME ME!

HEY! A CUBS SCOUT ALWAYS WANTS HIS TURN!

HEY! I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING. YOU LIARS! YOU ABSOLUTE CHEATS! YOU'VE MADE IT ALL UP!

HUNH!

THERE! THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO TELL LIES!

HEY, YOU'VE BROKEN OUR CRISTAL SET!

CRUNCH

AAAARGH!

NIP

SHORTLY... TIMMY, POPPET MUMMY ISN'T IT SHOOTING! BUT, YOU KNOW IT'S NAUGHTY TO NIP SOME ONE!

WELL, THAT'S TYPICAL!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D TAKE HIS SIDE, STUBB! ANY I DECENT MOTHER WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT IT WAS PROVOCKED. HE STARTED IT. IT WAS SELF DEFENCE. I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO GO. I WANTED TO JOIN THE BOYS BRIGADE, BUT YOU MADE ME JOIN THE CUBS. YOU OLD SLUG!

OH, TIMMY, MY LITTLE TRILL! SCONE, SCONE ME! PLEASE!

PRESENTLY...

WOM!

MOTHER, MOTHER, WANT I WANT TO TAKE UP SCUBA DIVING! GO IN THAT SPORTS SHOP AND BUY ME THE EQUIPMENT. I'LL START STRAIGHT AWAY!

OH, I'M SORRY, TIMMY, MY LITTLE SUGAR BUNNY! I'VE GOT NO MONEY LEFT! YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE UP ANOTHER SPORT!

A CHEAPER ONE, YOU MEANT?

I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH YOUR HEANNESS, YOU FENNY PINCHING OLD TRILL! ALRIGHT, I WILL TAKE UP A CHEAPER SPORT, BUT DON'T BLAME ME IF I GET INTUSED, NOT THAT YOU'D CARE! GOO YOU MUST HATE ME!

OH, NO TIMMY, NO!

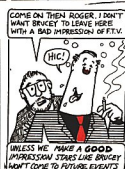
GOOF! HA! THIS'LL TEACH ME! I'LL PROBABLY GET A BRAIN HAEMORRAGE OR SOMETHING

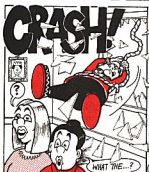
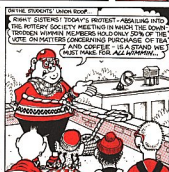
GOOF! HA!

ROGER MELLIE

THE MAN ON THE TELLY







I AM ARRESTING YOU ON THE FOLLOWING CHARGES - ASSAULT, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLYWEAPON, ACTUAL BODILY HARM, TRAFFICOFFENSING, WILFUL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ASSON, OBSTRUCTING A FIRE OFFICER etc etc

MY DRUG HELL!

After soaring to the pinnacle of pop success in the early seventies, organist Barry Rogers' career fell apart. Success, fame and fortune went to his head, and like so many stars before him Barry fell foul of temptation, and ended up another drug casualty. Unemployed, penniless and almost on the brink of suicide.

Now, with help from family and friends Barry is on the road to recovery. And he plans to re-launch his career in the nineties. But here, for the first time, Barry tells the exclusive story of his fall from grace, so that if nothing else, it will help prevent the youngsters of today from making the same mistakes.

SLOG

"It took me ten years of hard slog to eventually become an overnight success in the music business. I'd been playing the organ since I was 27, and it wasn't until 10 years later, in 1981, that I eventually made an impact.

FORTUNE

The resident organist at our local club was off sick, and I offered to accompany the drummer that evening for the 'Come As You Please'. I was an instant hit, picking up £20 for the one gig — a fortune in those days. Later the Social Secretary took me to one side and offered me the job of resident organist, playing six nights a week. That was it. I was in the big time.

TEMPTATIONS

Those were great days. But already the temptations were there. I'd always been a tee-totaler, but now total strangers would offer me drinks. I was gradually drinking more and more. On one occasion I had one pint in my hand, and another sitting on top of my organ. I was drinking like confetti. Two, three and even four pints a night.

STYLISTICS

It wasn't long until I started to get headaches, and occasionally an upset stomach. One morning it was really bad and I decided to take some Alka-Seltzer — just to get me through the day. 'Just this once', I told myself as I dropped the tablets into a



Barry (above) seen in his heyday, and (right) as he is today.

glass of water. But that was it. I'd already got one foot on the slippery slope.

FOUR TOPS

The whole life of a top musician is geared to late nights, drinking and an unhealthy diet. I'd finish work, go to bed, get up and go back to work. I'd be on stage at night, grabbing a quick bite to eat during the bingo. Soon my stomach began to suffer badly.

TAVARES

One night another musician was taking Rennie in the dressing room. He had a spare packet and gave them to me. I was desperate, so I took them. For a while they worked, but then the effects began to wear off. So I tried other antiacids: Bisodol, Remigel and Milk of Magnesia. I'd go on stage full of them. At times I didn't know what time it was.

PARACETAMOL

In the hectic world of show-business drugs are all around you. The bar maid would give me Paracetamol for my headaches, or occasionally Solpadol. I sent my wife to the chemists for the fresh supplies and she came back with a

By BARRY ROGERS

*In an interview with Brian Shite.

packet of Nurofen. There must have been 12 tablets in that packet. Within three months they had all gone. I was at the stage where I couldn't go anywhere without drugs — indigestion tablets, my nasal decongestant, eye drops and antihistamines for my allergy to cats.



Half my problem was that I was working too hard. When you're a success in the music business, everyone wants a part of you. The offers came flying in, and I simply didn't know when to say 'no'. One night the Secretary asked me if I'd like to work Sunday lunchtimes for an extra £15. Like a fool I took it on. I was working non-stop — often going 16, 17 or 18 hours without sleep.

VALIUM

I was worn out — totally exhausted. At weekends I would drink a can of beer to help me relax. My wife had been prescribed valium some years earlier, and one night I almost took some of that. Thank God I couldn't find the bottle.

BENOLYN

I was in a terrible state. If there were colds going around, I'd catch one. My pockets were jammed with menthol sweets — Tunes, Locketts, you name it. I bought expectorant medicines, for my throat. I was rarely seen without a teaspoon full of Benolyn in my hand. Friends began to notice the change in me. I was coughing, sneezing and my nose was red.

My work was suffering too. Eventually came the big blow. I'd missed two weeks work with a sore throat and slight temperature, and got back only to be told I was finished. Kaput, I'd been sacked. My career lay in ruins. It was then that I realised I simply had to do something, or I was going to end up face down in the gutter somewhere — just another drug statistic.

HELP

I decided to seek professional help, and made an appointment to see my local G.P. He took one look and immediately asked me to sit down. I knew then that I was on the road to recovery. Gradually I began to rely less and less on drugs.

ABBAY ROAD

Nowadays I don't touch drugs at all, apart from a brief relapse last year when I was prescribed Imodium for a bout of diarrhoea. I'm now faced with the daunting task of rebuilding my shattered career. I practice on my organ 8 hours a day and have mastered most of the current pop hits.

SGT. PEPPER

But as I listen to the youngsters of today, stars like Kylie Minogue and Jason Donovan, I hope and pray that they won't make the same mistakes that I did all those years ago when success came knocking at my door.

Next week: My Sex Nightmare. Barry reveals all about the groupies, the gang bangs and all the other pop stars he shagged.

FAMOUS PEOPLE ON THE TOILET



No.64
GARY DAVIES

IT'S CHOP OF THE POPS!

Pop Shop Cropped in Top Pop Chop Lop Shock

The BIG NEWS in this issue's Top Ten is that the amount of space taken up by the Pop Page has been considerably reduced due to the inclusion of a separate item about our 'Ton of Money' prize.

And the pop stars and artists competing for publicity in the Top Ten chart are understandably annoyed and disappointed.

The inclusion of the extra feature, headed 'Lucky Ella's Won A Ton', means an overall reduction of some 35% in the amount of space available to plug the records and tapes which appear in the Top Ten chart (right).

This comes as particularly bad news to bands like **ONE STYLE MDV** who, with an unspectacular chart placing at No. 7, rely on us giving the address from which their record is available to boost sales. However, in this issue there simply isn't room.

And even more disappointed will be bands like **MR BROWNSTONE, ACCIDENTAL POETRY, ME AND DEAN MARTIN** and **DICKY HART** who failed to make the chart and don't receive any mention at all.

Several luckier stars who made the grade were up in arms when we told them the pop feature was being shrunk.

DAVE FARMBOROUGH was outraged when he heard the news. "I'm even more annoyed to see **THE**

Even more disappointed were London's **WELL LOADED**. Their photo failed to appear despite their single, 'Place To Rest' being this issue's No. 1.

"I'm bitterly disappointed", said **ANDREW TAIT**. "I had hoped to give the price and the address from which my tape is available". Fortunately Andrew has also taken out a classified ad in the back pages of Private Eye, so determined fans will eventually be able to obtain the cassette.

Sebastian Wocker of **THE 'A' TEAM** wasn't complaining about his lowly No. 10 placing. "I don't really want too much publicity", he told us. "Arsenal have refused permission to use their name on our record and I may face a law suit as it's already in the shops".

It's the Chart with a Heart

• The VIZ TOP TEN •

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|----|---|--------|
| 1 | WELL LOADED <i>Place To Rest/Sun Don't Shine</i> | £69.00 |
| 2 | DAVE FARMBOROUGH <i>Keep Me Alive</i> | £55.00 |
| 3 | THE CRAMPS <i>Bikini Girls With Machine Guns</i> | £50.00 |
| 4 | THE OGDENS <i>She Made Everything Groovy</i> | £36.40 |
| 5 | GROOVE FARM <i>Plug (The Story So Far)</i> | £32.01 |
| 6 | KATRINA & THE WAVES <i>Rock 'n' Roll Girl</i> | £29.00 |
| 7 | ONE STYLE MDV <i>Jump For Joy</i> | £25.52 |
| 8 | L.A. BLUES BAND <i>Double Glazing</i> | £25.00 |
| 9 | ANDREW TAIT <i>Aphorisms</i> | £20.01 |
| 10 | THE 'A' TEAM <i>Arsenal Rap</i> | £9.99 |

LUCKY ELLA'S WON A TON!

Lucky Ella Wilcock of Birkhead had her hands full the day she walked into her local newsgents in Liverpool and asked for a copy of VIZ. As well as her favourite magazine Ella was also handed a TON of money.

INCREDIBLE

Fortuitous Ella, 19, staggered home with an incredible £2,500 in cash after becoming the millionth customer to buy VIZ that day, or something like that. She had queued for hours outside 'Supa-Cigs' at Liverpool's Central station along with hundreds of other VIZ fans



Ella (left) buying her comic yesterday.

hoping to snap up a copy of the Tenth Anniversary issue. "I don't usually buy the magazine", she told us, "but I'm certainly glad I did on this occasion. And I'll be placing a regular order from now on".

PRIZE

Supa-Cigs manager Mr N. Farrell, who also stocks a wide range of newspapers, tobacco and confectionery

products in his bright, friendly, city centre store, was delighted to see one of his customers scoop the prize. "My customers always leave the shop smiling", he told us.

JACKPOT

Ella hasn't decided how she'll spend her jackpot yet, but her immediate priorities are a new house, a new car and an exotic holiday in the Caribbean.



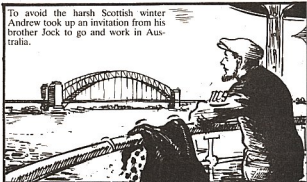
CRAMPS have got their picture on the page", he fumed. "I paid £5 more than them, and in the circumstances you'd think my picture would have been used instead".



Black BAG

THE FAITHFUL
BORDER BIN LINER

To avoid the harsh Scottish winter Andrew took up an invitation from his brother Jock to go and work in Australia.



Andrew and Bag hired a jeep and set off on the long journey to Queensland.



"Welcome to Mareeba Andrew", said Jock. "Kelvin, my foreman will show you the ropes".



The big aborigine was rather surprised when he came across Bag and his master.



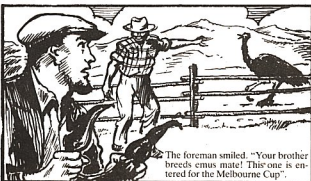
From nowhere a large dingo leapt at the agile binliner - and missed!



After chasing Bag for three hours the dingo collapsed. "Took me years to train him", muttered Kelvin.



Andrew rewarded Bag with a titbit then asked Kelvin if they could inspect the sheep.

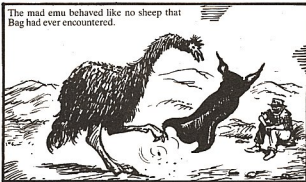


The foreman smiled. "Your brother breeds emus mate! This one is entered for the Melbourne Cup".



Bag found difficulty controlling his steely toed new adversary.

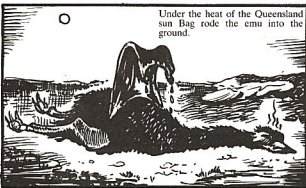
The mad emu behaved like no sheep that Bag had ever encountered.



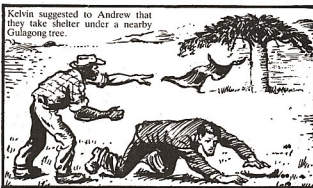
Eventually Bag resorted to the Peebles ram riding method, and it worked.



Under the heat of the Queensland sun Bag rode the emu into the ground.



Kelvin suggested to Andrew that they take shelter under a nearby Gulagong tree.



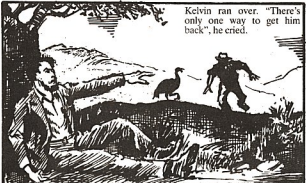
A menacing shadow loomed over the slumbering pair.



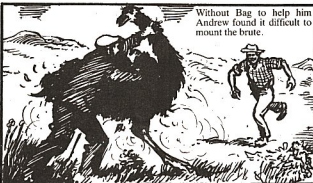
Andrew watched helplessly as the enormous albino kangaroo dragged the struggling Bag into its pouch.



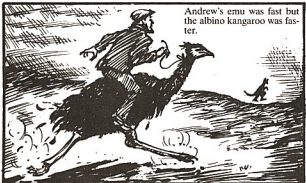
Kelvin ran over. "There's only one way to get him back", he cried.



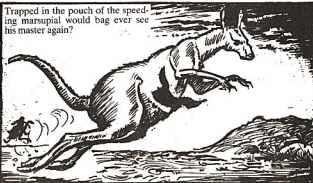
Without Bag to help him Andrew found it difficult to mount the brute.



Andrew's emu was fast but the albino kangaroo was faster.



Trapped in the pouch of the speeding marsupial would bag ever see his master again?



BLACK BAG'S AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

LETTERBOOKS

**If it's exciting,
Put it in writing!**

I hit man's erection with hammer

The other day my next door neighbour erected a brand new greenhouse in his garden. Immediately I took a sledgehammer and smashed it to pieces.

As I explained to the police, how can anyone be so irresponsible - surely my neighbour has heard of the effect of greenhouses on the ozone layer.

Martyn Pitt
Gloucester

I was convinced my husband was having an affair with his secretary, as he often returned home late from work. So I confronted him.

I felt such a fool when he reminded me he doesn't have a secretary - he's a bus driver, and had been working evening shifts.

Mrs C. Kettledrum
Filey

Vocabulary criticism

My 2 year old son fell in the car, grazing his knee quite badly. "Bums", exclaimed the cheeky scamp.

Imagine my surprise when a passing gentleman scolded him, saying that bad language is the last resort of a limited vocabulary. How ridiculous. What choice of words does a 2 year old have? The silly old fucker.

P. McLavin
Fife

Tailor Shop Joke

AND WHAT IS SUE'S
OVERALL IMPRESSION?



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Things today aren't as well made as they used to be. I have owned the same mop for over 40 years. In all that time it has only required three new heads, and two new handles.

J. Aldbury
Oldham

Where were you?

It seems that everyone can remember what they were doing when President Kennedy was killed, but what about Harry Worth? He died only last year, and it would be interesting to hear whether readers can recall how they were occupied at the time.

J. Askew
Lincoln

I am sick up to the back teeth with lefty do-gooders lecturing us about the environment. In my day people were too busy earning a living to worry about such things. The problem with people today is that they have everything too easy.

Major Percy Reid
Berkshire

Marvellous memories

I remember the Coronation in 1953. We kids had a marvellous time at our street party. Wouldn't it be nice if the Queen died so that we could have another.

J. Askey
Bournemouth



I was interested to read Mr Blackett-Ord's experience (Viz 38) when he mistook his slipper for a beetle. Sitting listening to a record, I noticed something move on the floor in front of me. I reached down to pick it up, only to find out it was my foot!

R. Emmerson
Kent

How about a picture of a bird dancing with her tits out?

Tom McArthur
Bolton



'Here you are Tom. Happy to oblige. Do any other readers have special requests? Write and tell us what YOU'D like to see on Britain's brightest letters page.'



If you ask me Paul Daniels' so-called 'magic' is a total fraud. After all, if he was a real magician he could just say "Allez oop!" and grow a full head of hair.

Tony Pickles
Burton-on-Trent

Make your minds up

These so-called 'experts' make me sick. First they tell us old folk to keep warm then they complain that the world is getting too hot because of this 'greenhouse' effect. Why don't they make up their minds.

J. Alden
Market Harborough

Why not put the price of Viz up? £1 is a much rounder figure, and readers will no longer have to hang around in draughty newsagents shops waiting for change from their £1 coin.

Mr I. Coxhall
Bedford

'That's an interesting idea, Mr Coxhall.'

I have recently noticed that, during the evenings it gets dark, but come the following morning it is light again. Are we witnessing the greenhouse effect already?

M. Peters
West Ham

TOP TIP

AVOID jet lag by simply taking an earlier flight, thus arriving fully refreshed and on time.

Sgt. R. J. Crowe
662 Squadron, Germany

PUT A STOP to car thieves by syphoning off all your petrol whenever you park your car, and carrying it round with you in one or two plastic buckets.

D. Griffiths
Kent

USED matchsticks, when sharpened with a penknife, are ideal for picking up small pieces of cheese, or cocktail sausages.

S. Jones
Edinburgh

DON'T throw away odd pieces of string which are too short. Knot them together to produce a new and useful piece of string.

Sam Evans
Shropshire

ROBIN HOOD 'FROM TIPTON'-CLAIM

Modern historians are divided over the popular legend of Robin Hood. Some believe it is based on historical fact, while others dismiss it as pure fiction.

But recent research has cast new light on the subject, and one man believes he has now solved the mystery.



MAKE your neighbours think you've had a house fire by blackening your windows with shoe polish, and throwing your mattresses out into the garden.

F. Lee
Manchester

SAVE time and hot water in the morning by popping your cold, damp facecloth into the microwave.

P. Wilson
Troom

AMUSE your children by dressing up as a circus clown and performing card tricks over breakfast.

I. Beadle
Dartford

PREVENT your cold from spreading by placing a stout paper bag over your head. When finished with it, don't throw the bag away. It will be ideal for storing odd bits and pieces.

S. Evans
Ruddington

A WIRE paperclip, unfolded, is ideal for picking up small pieces of cheese and cocktail sausages.

S. Jones
Edinburgh

PUT BLUE food colouring into your drink at the pub. Invariably people will ask you what you're drinking, and the likelihood of your drink being stolen when you visit the toilet is greatly reduced.

B. Reedsmonth
Hawick

TAKE a tip from bank robbers. Leave the engine of your car running when going into a shop to buy frozen vegetables. Making a 'quick get-away' will reduce the risk of them thawing before you get home.

Mrs G. Walton
Holmfirth



EXCLUSIVE

By our West Midlands Correspondent

Hugo Guthrie was recently appointed Senior Archivist by Tipton Borough Council, and his subsequent research into the legend reveals that Robin and his Merry Men did live many years ago, but not in Sherwood Forest. According to Mr Guthrie's findings they lived 50 miles away, near Tipton in the West Midlands.

WOOD

"There was a small wooded area south west of Tipton called Gornalwood", Mr Guthrie explained. "In medieval times this was the home of Robin Hood and his band of merry men. Contrary to popular misconceptions, all Robin's adventures took place in and around the Tipton area, in places like Dudley, Sedgley and Kingswinford."

CASTLE

According to Mr Guthrie, Robin's arch enemy the Sheriff of Nottingham didn't exist. "Nottingham is a corruption of the word Netherton, a small town ten miles south of Tipton. It was there, at Netherton Castle, Robin was often held prisoner by the evil Sheriff of Netherton. And it was here also that he later met and married Maid Marion, who was from the West Bromwich area."

HAMPER

Unfortunately nothing remains of the castle, and all records of its existence have been destroyed over the years. Indeed Mr Guthrie's research has been hampered by a lack of historical evidence. "Many of the records dating from that period have been lost. In medieval days local councils were notoriously bad at record keeping. And in any case Oliver Cromwell burnt them all", he told us. So Mr Guthrie has had to rely heavily on word of mouth, talking to many locals and old folk in the Tipton area. "Many old people produced photo albums and scrap books which were invaluable to my research", he told us.



Mr Guthrie yesterday

Unlike Netherton Castle, a small forest still stands at Gornalwood, and Mr Guthrie believes he has pinpointed the exact tree that Robin Hood lived in. "I'm afraid the legend of the Major Oak is a load of rubbish", he told us. "The actual tree is a small conifer, but it has great historical significance and should become a popular tourist attraction."

PICNIC BASKET

As Chairman of the Tipton Tourist Committee Mr Guthrie is only too well aware of the commercial potential of this new found heritage. And plans are afoot to build a Robin Hood Visitors Centre adjacent to the historic tree on land which, ironically, is owned by Mr Guthrie's brother-in-law.

DEVELOPMENT

"I can see this development bringing flocks of tourists to Tipton in the nineties", said Mr Guthrie, who plans to celebrate the official opening of the Robin Hood Heritage Centre with a 'Robin Hood Weekend'.

BIG STICKS

Visitors to Tipton will be able to enjoy traditional medieval morris dancing by the Stourbridge Stompers, an archery display by the West Midlands under 25s 1986 longbow champion Ron Pilkington, plus a full scale re-enactment of the historic fight with big sticks between Little John and Robin Hood, which took place on a narrow footbridge over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal.



HOW SID, ARE Y'NOT GERRIN' IN? IT'S NOT CAD OR DWT, MAN!



ERM... A THOYTA WOULD... ERM, GET THE FEEL OF THE FACILITIES... LIKE, BEFORE COMININ' MESS!

EH?! I THINK THAT MEANS 'E CANNAT SWIM, BDE.



SANDAPP! HEY MAN, I'M THE FUCKIN' MAN FROM ATLANTIS MEZ!

A BIT LATER... ENOUGH ME, BUT YOUSSE BLOCKIN' THE LANES.



EH!

SHE'S QUITE RIGHT, YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE TO THE LEARNER'S POOL, IF YOU CANNAT SWIM IN THE LANES.



ARE YE SAYIN' A CANNAT SWIM ARE YU?

LISTEN PET, A MIGHT NOT BE MARN' FRUGGIN' PILEGERS OR WHORREVA THU CAALL, I'M BU' RAM A GREAT BREAST STROKER... IF Y'KNAA, WORRA MEAN... AYE, AN' A LIKE A BIT O' DOGGIE STYLE AN' ALL.



DO YOU REALLY THINK I HAVEN'T HEARD ALL THAT CRAP BEFORE? GET INTO THE LEARNER'S POOL AT ONCE!

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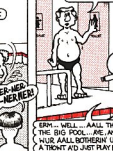
HEY! THAT FAT BUBBER CANNAT SWIMMY!

NER-NER NA-NER-NER!

SPLASH!

FUCKIN' HELL.

NOW SID, MORRA YE DEBIN' IN THE BAINRS' POOL?



ERM... WELL... AALL THE TOTTIE'S IN THIS BIG POOL... ARE, AN' ERM... THE... HUR, AALL BOTHERIN' LEY'KNAA AN' ERM A THOYTA AID JUST PLAY HARDT 'SIT LIKE

BUT THAT CIGARETTE OUT AT ONCE! CANNAT YOU READ OR WHAT?



BUT PET, THEZ NAE ASH TRAYS!

LATER... MISSUZ! THAT MAN'S HAVIN' A WEE!



GUMPH!

HEY, FUCK OFF AN' LESS O' YA BLOODY CHEEK!



EVERYONE OUT OF THE WATER! I WANT WORDS WITH YOU!

GET LOST, A'YE DONE! NONT MAN!



THE CHEMICAL INDICATOR IN THE POOL WOULD SUGGEST OTHERWISE!

GUMPH!

IF YOU CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE, I'LL HAVE YOU AND YOUR MATE'S BARRED! NOW GET OUT OF MY SIGHT YOU TUB!



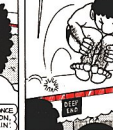
AALL, REET PET, DOWNT LOOE YA RAS!

NOW LADS, SID'S BACK TALKIN' TU LASS SID - ARE Y'NAPPIN'?



OH AYE, A'M WELL IN THERE MAN!

DEE A BIRDL SHOVIN' OFF FORRA MAN! GAN ON MAN KIDDA, SHE'LL LOVE IT! MAN, GAN ON, BOMB IN THE WATER!



MAN, MAN, A... ERM... A DIVIN'T WANKA FRUGHTEN THE BAINRS... AYE, THE BAINRS THAT'S IT LIKE... AYE.

HEY, SID'S A RIGHT NONT ISN'T 'E?



DIVIN'T BE SUCH A SCREAMIN' NONT! MAN SID, GAN ON, BOMB IN, GAN ON, WE'LL TELL YA WHEN SHE'S LOOKIN'!

NOW SID, REET? A'LL FUGGIN' SHOV YUZ!



SPLASH!



HELP! HELP! SPLASH! THRASH! GLUGG! GLUGG!



I'LL ENSURE THAT YOU AND YOUR PRIZENAS NEVER USE COUNCIL FACILITIES IN THIS CITY EVER AGAIN!

OH AYE! WELL IN THERE MAN!

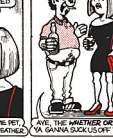


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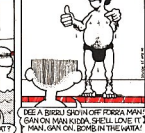
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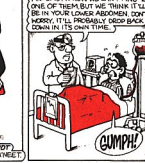
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HOW GREEN ARE YOU?

The nineties are set to become the 'Green Decade' as we all become more aware of environmental issues. But do we?

Are you environment friendly? Do you care about the trees and plant life, or are flowers strictly for pansies? Do you agree with the growing number of people who fear that the earth's natural resources are being systematically exhausted to the irrevocable detriment of the environment, or don't you give a wank?

Here's your chance to find out. Just answer these key questions on the vital environmental issues, then tot up your score to find out just how **GREEN** you really are.

1 Whilst driving in the countryside you notice someone emptying drums of sulphuric acid into a stream. What would you do?

- Join in the fun by emptying the contents of your car battery and watching the fish float up to the top.
- Ignore them. It's none of your business.
- Clamber aboard a precarious rubber dinghy and try to position yourself between the drums and the stream.

2 Whilst travelling on a bus you notice that the vehicle is pumping out toxic fumes into the atmosphere. What would you do?

- Light up a cigarette, put your feet up on the seat in front of you sit back and enjoy your ride.
- Make a mental note to travel by electric train next time.
- Slap the driver and scream hysterically, refusing to pay your fare until the bus is converted to run on ozone free fuel.

3 Whilst on holiday in Brazil you notice a western developer attempting to ignite a rain forest, but his matches are damp. How would you react?

- Lend him your cigarette lighter and some rolled up newspaper to get the fire going.
- Ignore him. There's plenty of trees in Brazil - so what if he wants to burn a few.
- Paint your face, take off your shoes and spend a week-end with a tribe of

Amazonian Indians before returning to Britain, going on Wogan, and making some crappy records. Then buy a house in California for seven million quid.



Sting

4 Whilst gardening you notice your next door neighbour working on his car. A trickle of oil is heading towards the gutter. What would you do?

- Smile politely and continue spraying your shrubbery with a cocktail of Agent Orange, DDT and various industrial strength weed killers.
- Don't worry about it. It will be drained away into the sea eventually.
- Use your garden hosepipe to 'fashion a makeshift boom with which to contain the rapidly spreading slick

Find out if you are 'environment friendly'



A new road cuts through the Brazilian rain forest.

before alerting the emergency services who will mount a massive 'Torrey Canyon' style clean-up operation.

5 During the night you are awoken by the sound of your neighbour attempting to dispose of his fridge. What would you do?

- Get up and lend him your hacksaw to help get through all the pipes at the back.
- Turn over and pretend to be asleep. It's none of your concern. The ozone layer is very big and it's only a small fridge anyway.
- Dash out into the garden and deliver a closely argued and cogent lecture

over the garden fence, illustrated with slides and an overhead projector, on the dangers of CFC's and associated chemicals, before making a citizen's arrest and handing your neighbour over to the authorities in the morning.

6 You visit a well known fast food take away and purchase a Big Mac, six Chicken McNuggets with Barbecue Sauce, Regular Fries and a Filet-o-Fish. After eating your delicious meal what do you do with the convenient, attractive packaging?

- Pull it into pieces and scatter them along the street. Any remaining bits can be burnt in your back garden along with old foam filled settees, plastic footballs, old tyres or the dashboard out of an Austin Princess, which you may happen to have lying around.
- Leave it on the table to be disposed of by a member of the attractive, friendly and well paid staff.
- Encase it in concrete and negotiate with the French Government to have it sent into space on the European rocket



E YOU?

7 You arrive home one rainy day and notice you don't have anywhere to put your umbrella. How would you solve this tricky problem?

a. Go on a safari holiday to Africa and shoot a family of elephants with a big gun. Then choose the best sized elephant's foot and hack it off to make an attractive umbrella stand for your hallway.

b. Shoot only one elephant, preferably an old or sick male. You will still have four feet to choose from.

c. Tranquillise an elephant and ask a professional vet to surgically remove one foot only and replace it with a wooden prosthesis. The elephant won't know the difference.

8 After relaxing in a deck chair on Blackpool beach you notice that the sea has risen by several feet due to global warming. What would you do?

a. Nothing. You live on a hill so your house won't be affected. Besides, you'll enjoy the longer and hotter summers from now on. So what if Lincolnshire disappears. It's a load of crap anyway.

b. Move your deck chair back to avoid getting your feet wet.

c. Rush to the ice cream van and purchase a selection of ice pops, Jublies, Cornettos, Zoom and Fab 21 lollies, and throw them off the end of the pier in a frail attempt to reverse the warming process.

9 Whilst retrieving a football your foot goes through the twelve year old felt roofing on your garden shed. You immediately suspect that this was due to corrosion caused by acid rain. What action would you take?

a. Get a quote for a brand new roof made from a more resistant material such as fuzzy blue asbestos, cyano-acrylate polymer high alumina cement, or something with lead in it.

b. Patch up the hole yourself with a sheet of polythene and some nails.

c. Send a bill for the damage to Environmental Secretary Cecil Parkinson before forming an ad-hoc protest group made up of hippies, teachers, lesbians and people with beads. Then march to Stonehenge to protest about acid rain.



Mr Parkinson yesterday

10 You are visiting friends in the Belgian Congo when you notice a pair of extremely rare monkeys on the brink of extinction. What would you do?

a. Shoot them, stuff their heads and nail them above your fireplace. They'll look great.

b. Attract them by throwing chocolate, gob stoppers and boiled sweets, then take some photos to show your friends after they have become extinct.

c. Catch them in a big net and open your own zoo. Then make up some boring stories about your family, eat too much, marry a very nice American half your age and retire to a convenient tax haven.

11 You go to the Post Office to cash your giro cheque and notice that the bank notes you receive are not printed on re-cycled paper. How would you respond?

a. Take the cash and spend it on your weekly groceries - high tar cigarettes, beer and pot noodles.

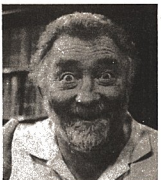
b. Ask for the money to be paid in solid, sturdy, down to earth, ozone friendly ten penny pieces.

c. Take the notes, shred them, pound them in a bucket of water, and make them into solid fuel briquettes by compressing the pulp in a mould and leaving it to dry for six months.

12 You are tending your organic garden when you notice the man in the next allotment attempting to empty a large water filled bath under which you believe several snails may have made their home. You also suspect a couple of frogs might be hibernating in the bath during winter. What action would you therefore take?

a. Give him a hand to tip out the bath and be ready with your shovel to bludgeon any wildlife which may emerge.

b. Take no notice, the frogs are well capable of looking after themselves. And whose bath is it anyway?



David Bellamy - green

c. Stun him with your shovel and chain yourself to the bath, then shout to a friend and ask them to summon David Bellamy or a similar attention seeking celebrity to gain vital publicity and advice.

HOW DID YOU DO?

Award yourself one point for every answer **A**, two points for each **B**, and three points for a **C**.

12 to 19: Disaster! The actions of irresponsible people like yourself threaten the very future of our planet. Unless your attitude to the environment changes drastically, in a few months time the earth will probably wobble off its axis and crash into the sun. Not that you would care.

20 to 29: Room for improvement. Your heart's in the right place. Always remember that our children don't inherit the planet, **we** borrow it from our ancestors and **their** children before them. Try eating more organic lettuce.

30 to 36: Congratulations. You're as green as unripe tomatoes and certain species of melon. You have a mutual love affair with this fragile earth we call our home. You love the trees and the trees love you. Award yourself an extra portion of lentils.





It was St. Valentine's day and pretty, lovelorn W.P.C. Mandy Cuthbert arrived back at Fulchester Police Station after another day pounding the beat. But little did she know that today, her collar was to be felt by....

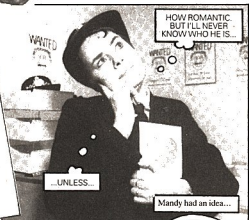
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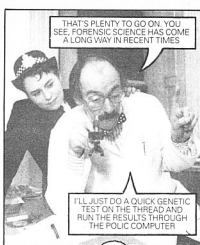


Excitedly, Mandy ripped open the envelope....



Dear W.P.C. 625
Mandy Cuthbert,
I fancy you loads
and want to go
out with you.
Signed
an anonymous
admirer





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PROFESSOR B. HIND AND HIS DIRTY MIND

LET'S GET BACK TO THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MOTHER.

What is the first thing that comes into your head when you hear the word 'Donkey'?

Are you perverted enough to subject yourself to the Word Association Test?

Put yourself on the couch and talk dirty to the Prof!!

0898 664105

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE... ENGLAND MANAGER!



- * * * * *
- * How many times have you wished that you were the boss of the England team?
- * Well at last you have the chance to show just how good you'd be at the job!
- * * * * *

Give Bobby Robson the red card and take charge!!

DIAL 0898 500171

NOTICE
PLEASE ADJUST YOUR DRESS BEFORE LEAVING THIS LOO
-THE MANAGEMENT-



YOUR LAST CHANCE TO WIN A SEXY NUDIST HOLIDAY!

DIAL 0898 664104

HOW TO TELL IF A GIRL FANCIES YOU!

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THE FACTS ON WOMEN

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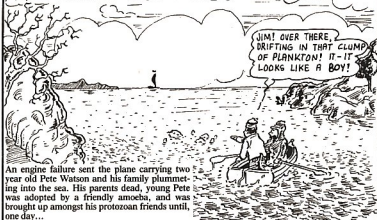


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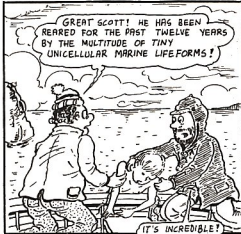
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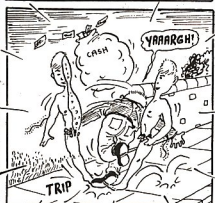
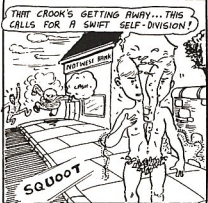
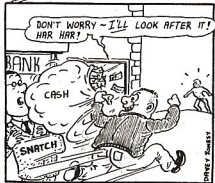
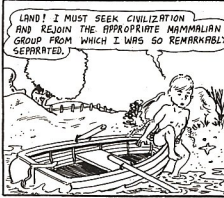
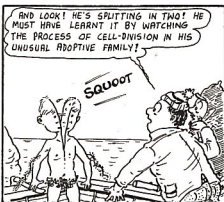
PLANKTON BOY

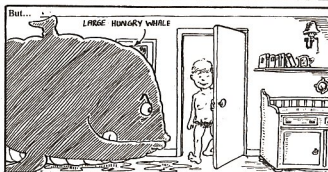


An engine failure sent the plane carrying two year old Pete Watson and his family plummeting into the sea. His parents dead, young Pete was adopted by a friendly amoeba, and was brought up among his protozoan friends until, one day...



But Plankton Boy had other plans...





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FERGIE FADING FAST

~Duchess on deadly diet

There is growing concern among Royal watchers over the Duchess of York's health.

For there are fears that fitness fanatic Fergie may be losing weight too quickly.

Fergie recently checked in to a £10,000 a day health farm to shed her excess poundage and to get herself in trim for the summer. However, insiders fear that the Duchess has gone too far, and that obsessive slimming could prove a serious threat to her health.

AQUARIUM

Indeed there are growing fears that the Duchess has already embarked upon a fatal 'Lena Zavaroni' style fast after cruel jibes about her plump bottom in the gutter press.

A leading nutritionist, Doctor Alexander Crompton, confirms that if the Duchess were to stop eating altogether she would lose weight rapidly. Asked what would happen if this diet continued over a prolonged period of time, the doctor was grim-faced. "She would eventually die of starvation", he admitted.



Fergie - 'death diet'.

Significantly Buckingham Palace refused to comment on the condition of the Duchess, other than to say that she was in perfectly good health. Meanwhile concerned friends of the Duke and Duchess have been seen arriving at their York home. Many were thought to be carrying hot meals, sandwiches and flasks of soup for the Duchess.

TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER ...STAR!

By our Showbiz writers
PIERS LYING
and **GARY BASTARD**

Many of today's top celebrities have known what it is like to perform less glamorous jobs. Indeed the stars instantly recognisable for their recent TV success have usually spent many years in poorly paid and at times unusual occupations before making the big time. Here's just a few of the odd ways in which today's celebrities once earned their crust.

★ If you had the misfortune to lock yourself in the public toilets of Victoria Coach Station in 1964, you'd have been in for a big surprise. For you may well have been rescued by a short, familiar figure wearing distinctive spectacles. That's because in 1964 that man with the job of maintaining those lavatory doors was none other than top TV comedian **RONNIE CORBETT**. Toilet Door Maintenance Officer was just one of a string of part time jobs the pint-sized comic took on to earn extra cash while struggling to make it in the show-biz world. Nowadays, with TV success like the Two Ronnies and Sorry to his name, and successful pant appearances under his belt, Ronnie can afford to sit back and spend his spare time pottering about in the garden.

★ Residents of Grantham in Lincolnshire never knew what to expect when visiting their local dentist. Something of an eccentric, he would often hide in a cupboard for up to five minutes before springing out to shock his baffled patients. He was also well known for leaving a 'whoopie' cushion on his dentist's chair. And who was that now famous dentist? None other than zany TV prankster **JEREMY BEADLE**. Jester Jeremy quit dentistry in 1978 to become a full time TV funny man.



★ **SIR ALLSTAIR BURNETT** has achieved a great deal in a marvellous career in news broadcasting. But it was only due to a stroke of luck that his news career got off the ground at all. In 1979 he had been working hundreds of feet above the streets of London - as a window cleaner. An alert news editor spotted him polishing the windows at the ITN offices. He was immediately offered a job as Senior Newscaster, but this came as such a shock that the luckless Sir Allistair lost his balance and fell 23 storeys, landing in a flower bed below. After a brief spell in hospital he eventually hung up his bucket and officially began work at ITN.

★ It's hard to imagine our senior politicians working in mundane, everyday jobs. But 32 years ago one of today's top Tory cabinet ministers could have been found hundreds of feet below the Houses of Parliament, working on the London Underground! After a brief spell as ticket collector **Deputy Prime Minister SIR GEOFFREY HOWE** worked as a driver on the Victoria Line before he was sacked in 1983, after turning up for work drunk. Sir Geoffrey then set his sights on a career in politics and Mrs Thatcher's right-hand man hasn't looked back since.



★ **Bubbly Hi-Di-Hi star SU POLLARD** ignored advice from her parents and gave up a promising career as a Research Scientist in order to go on the stage. Former colleagues at the University of Cardiff Medical Research Institute were shocked by her decision to quit. After several years of research she was thought to have been only days away from inventing a cure for cancer. But in the end Su had the last laugh, becoming a big hit as the scatter-brained Miss Cathcart in *Hi-Di-Hi*.

★ Were it not for his marriage to the Queen of England, **PRINCE PHILLIP**, the Duke of Edinburgh, would never have become a member of the royal family. He would have remained lowly Stourbridge rent collector, Phillip Tunstall. Before he met the Queen, Phillip had been collecting rent for Warwickshire County Council for several years. During that time, he was commended for bravery after thugs had tried to grab his rent bag. Have-a-go hero Phillip fought off the brutes, who were forced to flee empty-handed.



THIS SUPER PRIZE IS JUST THE JOB

Here's a chance for you to win a trip to the job centre of your choice, anywhere in the UK. We are offering first class travel tickets for two plus two nights' hotel accommodation at your choice, to the lucky winner of this fabulous 'job related' competition. All you have to do is read the celebrity CV below, then tell us which famous star you think it belongs to.

Born in Cardiff, his first job was as Butchers Boy, cycling around the valleys of South Wales delivering sausages. He then signed apprentice forms with Port Vale football club, eventually making seven appearances, scoring one goal. Left football to return to full-time education, tak-

ing a psychology degree at York University.

Two years later while working as a lumberjack in Scotland a record company executive overheard him whistling and dancing to rock 'n' roll tunes. He was immediately signed up and today he is surely Britain's brightest singing star.

Answers on a post-card please to Shakin' Stevens Celebrity CV Job Centre Visit Competition, Viz, PO Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. The competition closes on 31 March 1990. The winner will be notified by post shortly thereafter. Please remember to include your name, address and the name of the job centre which you would like to visit.

CABINET MINISTER **GOVERNMENT SEX SHOCKER!** 'HAD SEX WITH DOLPHIN'

A bizarre sex scandal involving a leading Tory cabinet minister and a dolphin is set to rock the Government.

Mrs Edith Potter, of Bridlington, North Yorkshire, claims she witnessed a sex act taking place between the top Tory politician and the playful eight foot fish.

WINDOW

Mrs Potter was looking out of her window at the Golden Sands Rest Home, which overlooks the bay, when she spotted the dolphin frolicking in the water.

CLOTHES

"He them returned to the beach and put his clothes back on before leaving in a chauffeur-driven car. It seemed to be heading towards London".

SPOKESMAN

For legal reasons we are unable to name the minister involved, however a spokesman for the Department of Health refused to comment.

Mrs Potter, who is 104, has been resident at the Golden Sands Rest Home since 1958 when ill-health forced her to give up her job at a Teesside glue factory.

In 1963 she was at the centre of the notorious 'Grey Seal Affair', when she attempted to bring a private prosecution against the former Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, claiming that sexual intercourse had taken place between him and several common grey seals on cliffs overlooking Bridlington Bay.

OPINION

with
CHARLES PONTON



Leave Fergie alone

We are shocked and saddened to hear rumours surrounding the Duchess of York's health. She is only human, and constant criticism of her figure by the gutter press has taken its inevitable toll.

Her figure is her business, and nobody elses.

But her's is a very privileged position, and as a Royal it is her job to fly the flag for Britain. A lot depends on her appearance.

After all, who wants a flabby Duchess lumbering around on state visits and regularly getting her arse stuck in car doors?

Honest John does Queen a favour

Honest John Burchall couldn't believe his eyes when he opened a handbag he found lying on a London street corner. It belonged to the Queen!

Inside John, who is a heavy drinker, found the Queen's cheque book, keys, credit cards, and personal belongings including photographs, letters and a diary plus over **TWO MILLION** pounds in cash!

"I couldn't believe it", he told us, "I'd never seen so much money in my life". Without hesitation, John decided to return the bag and its contents to its rightful owner. But a Guard on duty at Buckingham Palace refused him entry, and suggested John take the bag to the nearby police station.

POLICE

"The police took the bag from me and I gave them a note of my name and address. I was sure that the Queen would at least ring me to say thanks". But after four months John has heard nothing.

AMBULANCE

"I am extremely disappointed", he told us. I wasn't looking for a knighthood - I didn't even expect a reward,

Tight arsed

Royals

don't even say 'Thanks'

I just thought a 'thank you' would have been nice, that's all. Mind you, there was so much money in the bag, she might have slipped me a little something for my trouble. Even if it was only fifty quid or something".

FIRE SERVICE

According to John, the most valuable item he returned was probably the Queen's diary. "Inside it there were phone numbers of all the other Kings and Queens in the world, and loads of other famous people too. If she'd lost those she'd have been in a right fix".

BAG

"The more I think about it, the luckier she was that I found the bag. As well as her cheque book and credit



The Queen of England

cards, there were several bunches of keys, among them, keys to the Tower of London. If they had got into the wrong hands, the entire Crown Jewels might have been stolen".

COW

A spokesman for Buckingham Palace suggested that Mr Burchall may have been mistaken and that the Queen had not lost her handbag. "It was probably Princess Di's then", Mr Burchall told us later.

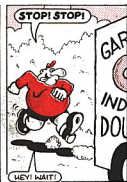
*Rude Kid



TUBBY JOHNSON

IS HE FAT?

-YOU BET YOUR HAT!



FARMER PALMER



RED SKY AT NIGHT
GET OFF MOI LAAND.

NOW REMEMBER CHILDREN: WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR HOME, PUT ALL YOUR LITTER IN THE BINS PROVIDED! DON'T FORGET THE COUNTRY CODE!



Billy the Fish

IN THE WAKE OF TOMMY BROWN'S SHOCK RESIGNATION AS MANAGER OF FULCHESTER UNITED, DETECTED PAPER DOCKKEEPER BILLY THE FISH THOMPSON, NOW ALCOHOLIC LANDLORD OF THE FULCHESTER TAVERN, HAS TELEPHONED CHAIRMAN RICK SPANGLER TO APPLY FOR THE VACANT POST...



THIS IS BILLY THE FISH THOMPSON SPEAKING. I WANT THE MANAGER'S JOB, MR. SPANGLER. I'M THE MAIN FISH FOR YOU!



HELLO?
YES?
MR SPANGLER? IT'S ME, BILLY THE FISH, SACKED DOCKKEEPER, NOW LANDLORD OF THE FULCHESTER ARMS.
I HEREBY APPLY FOR THE POSTION OF MANAGER OF FULCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB!



SORRY PAL YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG NUMBER.



BILLY DIALS AGAIN...



HELLO... IS THAT FULCHESTER UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB?
YES, CHAIRMAN RICK SPANGLER SPEAKING.



WHY I'M SORRY BILLY THAT VACANCY HAS JUST BEGUN FILLED.



HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? WE APPOINTED A NEW MANAGER ONLY THIS AFTERNOON. IN FACT, HE'S WITH ME NOW.



TOMMY BROWN HAS SUCCESSFULLY RE-APPLIED FOR HIS OLD JOB...
AND HE'S GOT BE PLANS FOR FULCHESTER UNITED.



HELLO? BILLY? I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR FULCHESTER UNITED - AND I WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF THEM.
WE WANT YOU BACK, BILLY. LET'S PUT THE PAST BEHIND US. IT'S HISTORY. ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS THE FUTURE. AND YOUR FUTURE IS HERE AT FULCHESTER ROAD.



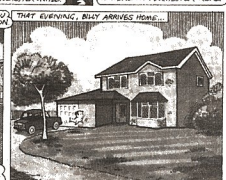
I NAME YOUR PRICE, BILLY. WE NEED YOU BACK. YOU CAN WRITE YOUR OWN PAY CHEQUE.
THE MONEYS ON THE TABLE TOMMY. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN AVAILABLE. YOU KNOW THAT.



THIS IS A BIG DECISION TOMMY. I'VE BEEN OUT OF FOOTBALL LONG LONG TIME. I NEED BREATHING SPACE. I'LL HAVE TO TALK IT OVER WITH MY WIFE AND KIDS.



YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED. BILLY DON'T RUSH YOUR DECISION.



THAT EVENING, BILLY ARRIVES HOME...



DON'T DOIT BILLY. THINK OF THE KIDS. MONEY. I'VE GOT A GOOD JOB AT THE PUB. DON'T GO BACK, BILLY.



YOU'RE RIGHT DARLING. I WON'T LET FOOTBALL COME BETWEEN US AGAIN. IF THE CHOICE IS BETWEEN FOOTBALL AND MY FAMILY, THERE'S ONLY ONE DECISION I CAN MAKE.



THE NEXT MORNING AT FULCHESTER PADIUM...
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU BILLY. I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK TO US!
THANK YOU SPANGLER FOR INVITING ME.
YES WELCOME BACK BILLY!



I'M SORRY TOMMY. I'M NOT STOPPING. I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE.
B-BUT... WHY?
DEARLY, BILLY...



YOU KNOW THAT FOOTBALL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE. TOMMY, BUT MY FAMILY COMES FIRST. I'VE GOT TO THINK OF THEM.
BILLY THOMPSON (CONTINUED)



I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU. THERE'S BEEN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT. YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE ALL DEAD.



BILLY, I'M SO TERRIBLY SORRY...
YES IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
YES SNIFF... THERE IS... SNIFF...



GET ME MY BOOTS! WE'VE GOT A FOOTBALL MATCH TO PLAY!



STAN THE STATISTICIAN



IF YOU'VE GOT THIS FAR THEN THERE IS A **92%** PROBABILITY THAT YOU WILL READ FURTHER....



CBS 7-99



FIND YOU ONLY **1 IN 20** OF THEM WEAR THEIR WATCHES IN BED



GOOD MORNING MOTHER. BACON & EGG IS IT? LESS THAN **1/25** OF THE POPULATION HAVE THAT **2 1/2** TIMES EVERY WEEK.

OH GOD GIVE IT A REST DEAR.



WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO FIND A NICE GIRL AND LEAVE HOME DEAR?

HONESTLY MOTHER, IT'S A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT **17%** OF MEN OVER 30 LIVE AT HOME WITH THEIR PARENTS.



REALLY DEAR? WELL I WISH YOU WOULD JUST **FUCK OFF!**

ONLY ABOUT **1** IN **100** OF WOMEN YOUR AGE COMMONLY USE THAT EXPLETIVE. I'M OFF TO BRUSH MY TEETH, AFTER BREAKFAST (AS DO AROUND **71%** OF THE BRITISH PUBLIC



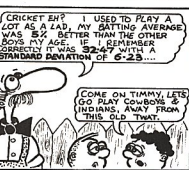
THAT'S IT. I'VE HAD ENOUGH GOODBYE DEAR.



HMM, NATIONAL SUICIDE ATTEMPTS PER WEEK WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE **ROSEN** MOTHER **0.63%** IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

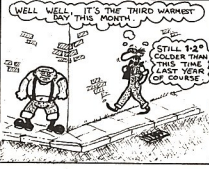


HELLO UNCLE STAN. DO YOU WANT TO COME AND PLAY CRICKET WITH ME AND MY PALS?



CRICKET EH? I USED TO PLAY A LOT AS A LAD, MY BATTING AVERAGE WAS **82**. BETTER THAN THE OTHER BOYS MY AGE. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY IT WAS **32.47** WITH A STANDARD DEVIATION OF **6.23**....

COME ON TIMMY, LETS GO PLAY COWBOYS & INDIANS, AWAY FROM THIS OLD TWAT.

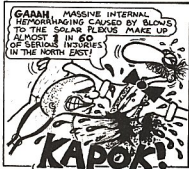


WELL WELL. IT'S THE THIRD WARMEST DAY THIS MONTH.

STILL **1.2°** COLDER THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR OF COURSE

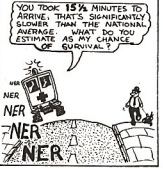


AAAGH! THE **10.2%** RISE IN CRIME CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE **11.9%** RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THIS AREA. I ASSUME YOU DO NOT HAVE A JOB?

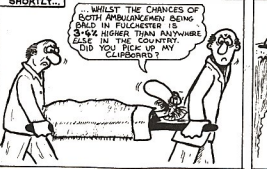


GAAAH. MASSIVE INTERNAL HEMORRHAGING CAUSED BY BLOWS TO THE SOLAR PLEXUS MAKE UP **ALMOST 1 IN 60** OF SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE NORTH EAST!

KAPOK!

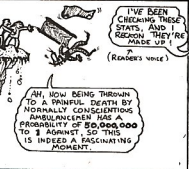


YOU TOOK **15%** MINUTES TO ARRIVE, THAT'S SIGNIFICANTLY SLOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. WHAT DO YOU ESTIMATE AS YOUR CHANCE OF SURVIVAL?



SHORTLY...

...WHILST THE CHANCES OF BOTH AMBULANCEMEN BEING BALD IN FULCHESTER IS **3.4%** HIGHER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY. DID YOU PICK UP MY CLIPBOARD?



I'VE BEEN CHECKING THESE STATS, AND I RECORD THEY'RE MADE UP!

(READER'S VOICE)

AH, NOW BEING THROWN TO A PAINFUL DEATH BY NORMALLY CONSCIENTIOUS AMBULANCEMEN HAS A PROBABILITY OF **50,000,000** TO 1 AGAINST. SO THIS IS INDEED A FASCINATING MOMENT.

TERRY FUCKWITT

THE UNINTELLIGENT
CARTOON CHARACTER





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